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NEWS RELEASE
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“Suspect Arrested for DUI after Crashing into Two Houses”

Officers of the Morgantown Police Department responded to a report of a Motor Vehicle Crash on Pennsylvania Avenue at approximately 5:27 am on December 28, 2014. When officers arrived on scene they found two residential dwellings that had been struck by a car with one in danger of partially collapsing. Officers summoned the Morgantown Fire Department to the scene to stabilize the building.

During the investigation they found Whitney DRAKE, 21 years of age of Morgantown had been operating a 2006 Chevrolet Impala and had driven into 427 Pennsylvania Avenue, knocking down the roof support columns of the front porch. The crash resulted in damage to the entire front of the building with the roof sagging in danger of collapsing. DRAKE continued driving after the collision and drove into the front porch and front corner of 421 Pennsylvania Avenue causing additional property damage.

Officers determined that DRAKE under the influence of alcohol at the time of the crash and was arrested for DUI, Driving on a Suspended License. Preliminary testing revealed that DRAKE had a BAC of .216. DRAKE was arrested without further incident and released on a \$350.00 bond.

The passenger in the vehicle with DRAKE was also intoxicated at the time and was transported to her residence. While DRAKE was being processed the passenger, Melissa HEAD, 20 years of age of Morgantown drove to the Police Station to post bond for DRAKE. HEAD was also arrested for DUI, .135 BAC without further incident and released on a \$250.00 bond.

The City of Morgantown Code Enforcement Office was summoned to scene and condemned 427 Pennsylvania due to the potential structural collapse.

The Morgantown Police Department is committed to its goal of eliminating criminal activity in our city. Citizens are encouraged to become a **“Partner in Policing”**, by reporting suspected criminal activity to Morgantown Police Department Switchboard at (304) 284-7522. If you need immediate Police attention or a crime is in progress call 911.

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